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CHAPTER XXXII.



confined by satis-fying himself them, at least, ble chance for her connement. He had succeeded in making an examination so conclusive that there

note received might possibly be a ruse to mislead them, and so expressing himself he asked to see the slip of paper again. he asked to see the slip of paper again.

To Holbrook the thought was torture itself. He had in his possession a brief note from Annie concerning the authorahip of which there could be no doubt. He made a comparison, and the penmanahip was quite evidently dissimilar.

Hanford, the chief, pointed out that the comparison would be of little value.

while in the other it was written on coarse paper, with a common lead penon failing to distinguish any resem-blance, brightened on hearing the chief's

The chief pointed out further that all nenticity of the note; that it was which bore such evident traces of agitation. On the contrary, had it been the intention to throw any one off the scent. the latter would have tried to do more than this hurried scrawl had done, and, further, that it must not be forgotten that these hounds would scarcely seek to inform the friend who could give the most efficient help of her abduction be-fore he was likely to find it out, as would be the case if they took that view of it, news. On the other side they had only the expression of Tom's shrewd fears that it might be so to lead them to suppose that it was a ruse.

The argument of the chief could not ing the details.
The Shadow submitted that the danger

of an open attack upon the attic in questhat the stairs leading to the attle floor were inclosed and the door locked. He suggested, therefore, that some of the party ought to force their way into

the attic of an adjoining house whether the inmates liked it or not, and thus take don of the roof, while the rest should storm the apartment in the other The chief strongly favored this plan

as not to attract attention, it was deter-mined that they should rendezvous at a neighboring saloon, known to the chief,

est the corner and, rushing up, take pos others led by the chief, well supplied with "jimmies," were to make an assault on the house where Annie was con-fined. Holbrook was to be with the lat-

and earlier than the rest.

instructions to the cabman to station himself in Bayard street half way down the block, and there await orders. Guarding themselves as much as posthought they risked nothing.

saw a ragged little boy whom he took for a beggar, and was about to drive him

away when the lad said:
"Be you goin' to trash him now? He

Then, speaking to the boy, he said:
"Come here with me," and led the
way into a neighboring passage, where
they could partially conceal themselves
by the door.

"What do you mean by 'trashing him?" asked Tom, kindly and encour

"De woman sed as now wen you co ou'd black his eyes and wallop 'im." "What woman?" asked Holbrook.

de top flure. De man ain't dere. He want away just afore you come. Yer a-goin' to lick 'im, ain't yer?' "You just bet we are," se'd Tom. "You want us to, don't you?"

"Oh, my eye, don't I?"
"Why?"
"Co he's kicked me offen and offen."

"What is he to you?"
"Nothin'. He cuffs me over

"Why does he do that?"
"I dunno, Cos he's ugly. Cos I won't keep out en his hallway."
"Ah," said Tom. "How did you see

"Or course I kin. We live up in de ttic, right here. Me mither is gone way and me fader is drunk over dere

Holbrook," said Tom. He sought the chief and found him. Hurriedly telling him what he had learned from the boy, he told him to send the Shadow and two man to follow Helbrook and himself,

the house in which Annie was confined Hurrying back, the five were coningster showed them how he mounted

o the roof, and in a moment they were The passage over the roof was perilous, for it was an old fashioned high roof, sloping at a precipitous angle from a peak in the middle, both ways. The boy, who ran over the roof like a

cat, and with the agility and confidence of one familiar with the feat, showed them the skylight. Tom put his mouth to the broken pane

"Hist! hist!" He heard a movement beneath. "Hist, Miss Templeton?"

and made a sound.

"Who's that?" was the answer in a male voice. "Be quiet; help is near," he said. A cry of joy was heard. "Are you alone?" asked Tom.

"Yes, quite alone."
"Stand fast, then; you'll be quickly

Two of the men drew "jimmies" fro inserted them under one side. "Crick crack!" in a twinkling it was pried off.

Annie had lit a candle. Holbrook attempted to descend. "Wait," she cried. "The distance too great to jump."

"Now you can jump," she said. Holbrook let himself drop, and he fell

He caught the girl, who was trembling with excitement, in his arms and cov the assistants, at a word from the chief,

bling down one after the other. It was not until long after, when Tom he realized that no one, not even Anni-

At the time he was too busy. His mind was working with abnormal ac-"We must get the girl out at once

action, now that the first excitement was "Up through the skylight. Quick

asked the Shadow. "I know," broke in Annie. The bed was tossed on one side, while Annie ran into the next room and began

One of the men took it from her and carried it in, and as she directed placed it under the skylight.

"There's a chair in thore" she said.

"There's a chair in thore " she said. "There's a chair bring that."

They comprehended her purpose, an was placed on the table. "Up you go, Holbrook," cried Tom

bitter malignity, and opened his mouth on the roof in a twinkling.

Tom lifted Annie by main force to the as if to speak, when he was prevente top of the table and then on to the chair, pringing up on the table after her. He lifted the girl up by the waist so

He lifted the girl up by the waist so capture indeed! And who do you think that Holbrook could get a firm grasp of this is?" bending down and peering into She was then drawn up on the roof. "Now, Holbrook," cried Tom, "away

arm's way as soon as you can. One of men, "go with them to protect them. Shadow, run down to the chief and tell him to come up here the way we came with the rest of his men. I have an

Tom was the general commanding the orces, and he did have an idea—a great

The man had evidently determine that, whatever else might occur, speech from him would not, and he contented himself with bending a look of deep hatred on the jubilant chief. Tom, who had been looking on this enter, and he quickly determined how to dispose of his forces. Finding the doors solted and barred from the inside, he unparred and unbolted them.

By this time the others had arrived. "Have you found her?" asked the chief. "Yes, and Holbrook has carried her

"Then the job is over?" "Not by a long shot."

"The man who abducted the girl?" "Yes. Have you bull's eyes with you? "Yes, and shooters and handcuffs."

"Good. Then we can put out this light. Hold on."

They were startled by a noise abo



"Yes, that's what he did," replied the

hief's assistant.
"What imprudence! I didn't want him to do that. He might have been seen by the parties who abducted her."
"I don't think they were. He ran her

ready for use. You and I will take our places at the middle door, one in each room. Shadow, you run down into the "I can't; the stairs are enclosed and

Farmer, buy your groceries at and chairs where they were."

When this was done, he added:

"Now, to your places, and out with They were in total darkness; what light there was came from the dormer rindows and the broken skylight.

"Is it you, Shadow?" asked Tom.

let the man see you when he comes."
"I'll make sure of that."

Then there was a longer wait and

lamp I pervided yer with, hey?"

A light flashed in his face from the

"Death and d-," cried the man

He turned with the evident purpose of

He swept the revolver of this man

clapped a pair of handcuffs upon him.

on which was written in a plainly dis-

"At half past 10. Be ready. Give the

sure. Want no chance for screaming.

Be sure the right amount; not too much.

Must be no injury done. Want no acci-

The meaning of the words flashed up

"Where is the drug?" he asked.

The man was taken off his guard, and

is eyes turned to a shelf in the corne

"Ah, ha!" he cried. "Well, my fine

fellow, you won't make sure to-night

will you? She's not here. She has left

The man turned upon him a look of

"Scar Top Johnny, of all men in the

With this he took the man's head in

his hands and parting the hair showed a

deep scar on it.
"An old acquaintance, Tom. I gave

are of her after abduction.

This time Tom had hit the truth

The next moment there was a knock

face of the villain on the floor, saw an

with a look of curiosity.

The chief called out in a loud voice:

He was dressed in the same kind of a

suit as that the U.S. T.'s had made

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Harry Fountain

the handcuffed man's face.

'Who?" asked Tom.

Search him," said the chief.

room, where the gag was applied.

Fountain looked upon the scene with undisguised amazement. Tom waited for him to speak. Finally, having re-covered from his astonishment, he esid: "May I ask the meaning of this strang They waited some time in silence, re ene, Mr. Bryan?" lieved only by the breathing of the men. "May I ask the meaning of this strange diaguise, Mr. Fountain?" retorted Tom, pointing to his clothes. Fountain blushed, but did not reply. Presently they heard a light tread on

"I will relieve your astor continued Tom sternly, after a moment "All right. Conceal yourself and don' silence. "This is a rescuing party. These men are detectives. A girl was abducted in broad daylight this morning and confined here. She has just been taken away, having been rescued by my-self and friends. Her name, Mr. Foun-This was broken by the quick patte of bare feet on the roof, and a voice:

tain, is Annie Templeton—a sister of the murdered Templeton."

Fountain's face expressed neither alarm nor fright, nor anything else but "He's a-comin' up de street now. Give It was the imp, who had constituted himself a skirmisher on the outside, at intense surprise and interest. "We are now waiting for the abduc-tor," added Tom.

Tom could not restrain a laugh. All public service is performed through self-"If that's the case, Mr. Bryan, it were etter that I retire." He turned to go to the door.

ish consideration, he thought. In a moment more a scratching heard on the door.
"Some one's coming," whispered Tom. Tom made a sign to the two detective They stepped forward.
"Pardon me, Mr. Fountain, you can

not do that. All who enter here are un Light broke in on Fountain, and with it intense anger. He turned on Tom, his eyes blazing.
"I—I under arrest? You'll find that I am not to be trifled with"—

Tom interrupted him in a hard, cold, metallic voice, low in tone: "No heroics, Mr. Fountain. You are my prisoner until you can explain you

ce here in this den, on this partic ular night. You can frighten no one here; we're used to just such haughty scoundrels as you are, just as we are to vicious rascals like the one lying in chief's bull's eye, and the barrel of a rethere. He's twice as dangerous as you volver was presented full in his face.
"Down on your knees!" cried the chief. can ever be

The cold self possession and master fulness of Tom was irritating in the highest degree to Fountain, and if ever his boasted self command was needed seizing something, for his arm was out-stretched in a wild reaching out. Another bull's eye was flashed in his by him it was at that moment. Appear ances were so strongly against him that, angered as he was, he could not fail t face, and another revolver presented at

By a violent effort he put a curb upor "That's what it is if you don't drop," said the man who presented the second his passion, and in a moment he said:
"You think I am the abductor?" "I don't think it; I'm certain of it."
"You are mistaken." This was said in

away with a quick motion of his arm, and made a wild rush at the chief. tone as cold and as firm as that Tom Tom, who had entered from the ad-joining room, felled him to the floor by had used. "Indeed," said Tom. "Perhaps you can explain this enigmatical note." a quick blow on the head with the butt He handed to Fountain the slip of paper which had been taken from the ocket of Scar Top Johnny.

Fountain read it and handed it back to the blow, could recover himself, one of

"I know nothing of it." Tom was somewhat dumfounded. Then he recollected the reputation of A pair of deft hands went through his clothes. Nothing of consequence was the man for coolness and nerve. taken from him except a slip of paper, Fountain in turn took from his vest pocket a slip of paper, and handing it to Tom, said:

drug at 10. If not taken quietly, make "Please read that, and compare it with the scrap you have." Tom read: "If Mr. Fountain desires to see Marian

Tom puzzled over it. The man sitting - Mott street, attic floor, at 11 sharp toon the floor looked at him sullenly, but night" Tom took the other slip from his pocket and compared the two; the writing was in the same disguised hand; he com-Tom. Some one was coming at halfpast ten, and she was to be drugged so that she could not make a disturbance. pared the two scraps—evidently they would prove a big thing for the vere torn from the same piece of paper. He looked at his watch. It was nearly

Tom was puzzled.

"You are an hour before your time," "I read it ten," said Fountain. "Let mistake." Then he continued: "This is negligee shirts. This is one of

They went to the dormer window. "I am here," said Fountain, "in obelence to that writing. Where you obtained the other paper I don't know."
"From the pockets of that scoundrel lying on the floor in the other room," re-plied Tom.

"If you will permit me, I will explain

am here in this dress because of the lace I was to visit and the part of the ico to St. Louis instead of two as town I was to pass through. For some time I maintained a relation with a young woman whose name was Marian intil I became the affianced of a your lady, whom you doubtless know by name, but who should not be mentioned When that took place, the relation with Marian became an impossibility. The girl was loath-it is a mild word for Mo .- Macon Democrat. her feeling - to break up the relation, and we parted in high passion out she had secured certain papers of mine, of exceeding great value and of but she had secured certain great damage to me in any other person's hands. I have tried again and again to obtain them. She has sent me several trict in 1880. into the strange places she led me to, that I bought this suit. I have never met her, though I have responded in each instance. I had little hope of see-ing her to-night, but these documents were of such value to me that I did no ing some more jacks. dare to miss the chance. You have the whole story without reservation, excep as to the character of the papers. As t

those, I can only say they were letters to my mother and a written statem of hers, which can now only con atement of yours now, I think I know more about the matter than you do. I think I see through it all. I think I mother's statement. You are the victim of the same plot which has the murdered nother's statem

squarely, and the man's face showed it. Scar Top Johnny regarded Tom with a contemptuous sneer.
"Well," said Tom, "you can answer or
not as you please. We can wait for the
half-past ten man. He'll tell." Templeton and the abducted girl tims. It touches the effort to see The face of Scar Top Johnny lit up with a passing thought, and an expres-sion of resolve passed over it. Tom interpreted it accurately, but be The Shadow put his head in the door

"Hist. Some one is coming He went back, closing the door after

fore he could act upon it, the Shadow gave warning of another comer, and a foot was heard stumbling in the darktain. Quick! Don't say a word or utter a sound whatever you hear!" Fountain obeyed, impelled by the ened the purpose of his prisoner, and press-ing the muzzle of his revolver against Scar Top Johnny's head, he said: ergy of Tom.
The lights were put out, and Tom "If you utter a cry, or make an alarm, I'll blow your brains out. The reward is hastily lit the candle in the back room and placed it behind the door.

There was a knock. "Come in," said the chief in a gruff The door opened and a man entered.
"You should have kept the door locked," said a voice. "It's unsafe to leave

Tom flashed a bull's eye on the new what was going forward the two men at the door through which he had entered seized him by the arms and bent them behind his back.

Tom moved up to discover who the [TO BE CONTINUED.]

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It was then, for the first time, that the thought crossed Tom's mind that the on fine paper, with excellent pen and ink, at leisure and under no excitement, cil, and evidently under the greatest ag- ered her face with kisses. He mur-Holbrook, whose high hopes had fallen the probabilities were in favor of the was in his bed the next morning, that quite unlikely, however able the con-Holbrook should have hugged and kissed spirators were, that they would have written a note so brief, so hurried, and her in the frantic manner he did.

since the boy had evidently been waiting at the office from a time very close to that of their departure to Mrs. Temple-ton's house, where they first learned the

tion was, that the inmates with their prize could take to the roof and make their escape through adjoining buildings. He had penetrated far enough into the fourth house without detection, to find

There were eight in the party, and, so

proceeding thither in couples. All were to be well armed, for resistance was to be expected.

On arriving, three, with Tom leading, were to enter the adjoining house nearion of the attic, and after a signal had been received from Tom's party, the

ter party.
Holbrook and Tom went up together, and taking a cab across town were on the They left the cab, after having given

sible from observation, they strolled into the street and located the house in question. They were slightly disguised, and They had passed the house but a few paces when Holbrook felt a tug on the skirts of his coat. He looked down and

ain't up dere."

Holbrook would have spoken harshly to him, so as to rid himself of the annoyance, when Tom whispered:

"De wan I brung de paper from to ou. She promised, she did." "Where is she?"

street and alip up into the hall outside there, so as to give us plenty of warning, if any one comes upstairs."

Then they heard a hasty stumbling on the stairs, a heavy step in the hall; the door opening into the rear room was tried; and then further steps and the front room door was tried. "I must have left that stair door open myself," was heard in a rough voice, with an oath. A key was inserted, the bolts drawn and the door opened.

The owner of the voice advanced into the room, closing the door behind him, and shutting a bolt from the inside. "So, my ladybird, yer didn't light the

the skylight.

'Watch both doors,'

starting back.

bull's eye.

end of his revolver.

guised hand the words:

did not speak.

He pulled at the frame of the skylight It was fast.

their pockets, fitted them together, and "Eh, eh, oh, golly!" laughed the boy. The moment the skylight flew off, light flashed up from below.

They heard a noise of something being

In the meantime the others were tum

he said. "Here, Holbrook, stop that nonsense and take the girl away."
"How?" asked Holbrook, ready for

to drag the table toward the room. of the room.

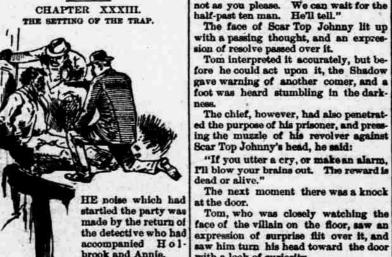
Holbrook climbed like a cat and wa

with you. Quick! Get the girl out of world. This is a good night's haul Twenty-five hundred dollars reward for ou," he continued, turning to the chief's this bird. He's been wanted these eight of that rich man near Hartford."

him this scar myself six years ago, when he and a gang were robbing express cars xamination of the rooms. He satisfie imself as to how those who came would

"You didn't abduct this girl on you own accord. You were hired to do it?" An expression on the scoundrel's face showed him that he had hit the truth closely. This time he spoke.
"I didn't abduct her." "Oh, you didn't. You simply took

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in a carriage," he said. "Heavens!" cried Tom, "he didn't take

up to the next corner and caught the cab up to the next corner and caught the cab there, and was off in a jiffy. They at-tracted attention from nobody; I was be-hind them all the way."

"All right; if the alarm has been given it can't be helped now. I say, chief, station two men at each door opening from the outside. Let each man take his shooter, and one have a bull's eye

"I can't; the stairs are enclosed and he door locked," replied the Shadow. "I had forgotten that," said Tom. "Pick it, can't your said the chief. "Here's a set of 'akeletoma."

when he viewed pecting Foun-

ain, and it was did not know who he was. "Take that man into the other room,"

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tonished as the a reporter of remarkable versatilirest. Evidently ty and ability. Successfully he he was not ex- filled the positions of city editor, sure."

He was obeyed. The man attempted to make resistance, but he was quickly overpowered and spread just, the other

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